

MARKHAM PICKLEBALL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 17, 2023
Time: 8:00pm via Zoom Call

Present: Peter Milovanovic, President, Chairperson and Director
Chuck Mitchell, Vice-President and Director
Ben Seto, Treasurer and Director
Deanna Gottschalk, Secretary and Director
Sharon Mansfield, Director

Absent: Dennis Sue, Director
Mike Wang, Director

Members/Proxies:

Members present in person: 20
Members represented by proxy: 50

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President and Chairperson of Markham Pickleball Club ("MPC"), Peter Milovanovic, opened the meeting at 8:00pm on May 17, 2023 by welcoming all members of MPC to the third Annual General Meeting ("AGM").

2. QUORUM

The Treasurer informed that we have 20 members present and 50 represented by proxy. The requirement is to have 10% of the membership present to have quorum of 41. We have met quorum and will proceed with the AGM.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Each member of MPC received a meeting package in advance of the meeting, which included the meeting Agenda. With no other business to be added to the Agenda, a motion to adopt the meeting Agenda was moved by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Deanna Gottschalk. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2022 AGM

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on March 31, 2022 were also pre-circulated to all members of MPC and reviewed by the Chairperson. A motion to approve the previous AGM meeting minutes was moved by Deanna Gottschalk and seconded by Sharon Mansfield . The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. BY-LAW REVISIONS

The revisions to the By-laws were circulated in the meeting package and were reviewed in detail by the Treasurer, Ben Seto.

Proposal #1, **Section 7.2 Composition**, change the number of directors to eleven (11) from nine (9).

Proposal #2, **Section 7.5 Election and Terms**, add that two (2) new additional directors positions will be elected for a two (2) year term.

A motion to adopt the revisions to the By-laws, was moved by Ben Seto and seconded by Sharon Mansfield. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

7. ANNUAL REPORTS

President's Report

In 2022, MPC was back playing on the City Centre courts. Although we were happy to have a place to play, there was disappointment as the new courts at Cornell Park were unable to open.

Our volunteers - hosts, coaches, organizers and Board members - kept us playing, ran learn to play classes and planned and organized a tournament and theme days. We can't thank them enough for the time and energy they contribute.

Thank you to Sharon Mansfield for serving on the Board for the past few years and to Stephen Liu for the past year.

This winter we took advantage of play at our school locations . As a thank you first to our volunteers and then as places for others to play and for lessons for our members and the public. Thank you to our Treasurer, Ben Seto, we were able to provide indoor drop-in play at Kings Square Sports Centre with discount fees for MPC members. We also offered lessons at this location.

Last week, finally saw the opening of the Cornell Park courts. I have to say it was worth the wait. Members have been enthusiastic about playing on the new courts. At the end of December, the club had 305 members. When I looked on the weekend, we had 494 members who had joined and paid the club membership fee. This growth is phenomenal. We currently have over 200 members have paid their outdoor court fees, so we can expect the courts to become much busier in the coming weeks.

Speaking of the coming weeks, the club plans to launch advanced play on Monday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and a ladder league on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Round Robins are being planned for Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. We will use 4 courts to start and see what the uptake is like. One morning will see men's doubles, one women's doubles and one mixed doubles.

Social events are also being planned along with a club tournament. MPC will also be hosting the Pickleball for Possibilities Tournament fundraiser for the Holland Bloorview Kid's Hospital on September 8, 9 and 10.

It's going to be a busy and exciting year for our club. I look forward to meeting and playing with you all of you on the courts this summer.

Treasurer's Report

A Statement of Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet were circulated in the meeting package to all members and were reviewed in detail by Ben Seto.

According to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, members of a Corporation can waive appointing an auditor and to not have an audit or a review engagement in respect of the corporation's financial year if the corporation had annual revenue in that financial year of \$100,000 or less or such other prescribed amount. A motion to approve waiving the audit or review engagement for the 2023 financials was moved by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Deanna Gottschalk. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

Nomination Committee Report/Election of Directors

Ben Seto conducted the election of Directors. With the by-law changes, there are six (6) director positions open for a 2 year term and two (2) positions for a 1 year term the nomination committee have conducted a search and provided a list of candidates to fill these positions.

In alphabetic order, are the returning board members seeking re-election:

Deanna Gottschalk
Peter Milovanovic
Dennis Sue

In alphabetic order, profiles have been circulated for these new candidates:

Helen Lau
Andrew Ng
Melanie Ta
Doris Tardibuono
Clita Wong

Since there are eight (8) candidates and eight (8) positions available, a motion to approve the list of returning and recommended nominees was moved by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Sharon Mansfield. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There are many great ideas and events that our members want to see executed but in order to make these happen, we need more members to step up and volunteer.

Access to the door code was addressed. Since opening, only the Hosts were given access to the door code. An email was sent today to all members who have enrolled in the outdoor program, providing them with the door code to the new courts. Going forward, once a member has enrolled in the outdoor program, their receipt will include the door code for access. The code may change periodically and members will be notified by email when this happens. As we move forward with everyone receiving their shoe tags and having door code access, the hosting hours may be shortened.

Windscreens are being considered for this season. It is an expensive purchase and we need to make sure we are buying the best suited screens for our courts.

Some members have been asking if MPC would be providing balls for use at our outdoor courts. At this time, we will not be providing balls.

We currently have no storage bunker and until we are provided with one, we cannot purchase any additional equipment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the AGM was moved by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Sharon Mansfield. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.